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City's new teen-pregnancy campaign comes under fire

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Blasting. Tunes



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Amount NYC wants to invest into a social media campaign for a quieter subway commute

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Please don't pump the volume

- ▶ Mayor tackles young people who crank their headphone music
- ▶ New York City is planning a \$250,000 social media campaign

Now he's coming after your headphones.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who previously banned smoking in public places, limited soda sizes and is aiming to get rid of Styrofoam, is turning his gaze — or rather his ears — toward getting people to crank down the volume on their headphones.

The city is planning a social media campaign blitz as well as conducting focus groups to warn young people about the dangers of loud music blasting through their headphones, the health department said yesterday.

With grant money from the Fund for Public Health in New York, the Hearing Loss Prevention Media Campaign will use social media such as Twitter and Facebook to alert users to the risks of hearing damage, including increased risk of injury.

The New York Post reported that the campaign would cost \$250,000.

The rise of personal media players such as the iPod have increased cases of hearing loss, with a rise of more than 30 percent between 1988 and 2006, the Third National Health and Nutrition Examination



▶ The new initiative is geared toward young people who listen to their music too loud.

Quoted

"Users who abuse them, playing music so loud folks standing nearby can hear what's being played, are the problem." POSNER

tion Survey reported.

"I'm seeing [hearing damage and loss] more and more in the 20s, 30s

and 40s. Usually we see it in the 50s and 60s," said Dr. Ana Kim, director of otological research at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. She recommends keeping the volume lower than 50 percent and using headphones rather than earbuds.

However, headphones may be less satisfying to the user since earbuds physically block outside sounds and are louder than over-the-ear or on-the-ear headsets, B&H

communications director Henry Posner said.

But the ultimate hearing damage still depends on the music volume.

"Users who abuse them, playing music so loud folks standing nearby can hear what's being played, are the problem. I'm all for safety, but this is an instance where I don't think we can necessarily blame one brand or design," Posner said.

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Man on the street

How loud do you listen to your own music?

"I turn it to the



maximum."
Lamont Akins, 50, Navy Yard, Brooklyn

Do you get annoyed at loud music on the subway?

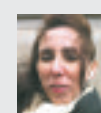
"On a subway you can't



really hear anything. [Loud music] would just add to the dangers of

it." **Nick Liotta**, 17, Flushing, Queens

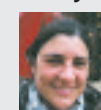
What do you think about the mayor's social media campaign?



"They can't ask me to turn it down."

Katie Martuccio, 40, Staten Island

Do you listen to music when you commute?



"Never when I commute. I don't like to have things in my ear."

Joanna Corzo, 36, Clinton Hill, Brooklyn

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In the news

Two bodies found in Queens brush fire

Police are investigating after two burned bodies were discovered as responders put out a brush fire in Queens.

Two adults were found yesterday in a grassy area off the Belt Parkway in Howard Beach, police said.

According to police, officials responded to a fire where they discovered the bodies of two black men, cops said.

The medical examiner is determining the cause of death.

LAURA SHIN

In the news



Suspect in Williamsburg hit-and-run is arrested

A suspect in a hit-and-run that left two people and their unborn baby dead surrendered to police.

Julio Acevedo was arrested by cops in Pennsylvania.

Police have said Acevedo is the driver of the vehicle that Nachman and Raizy Glauber were in. They died in the crash and their unborn child died the next day.

LAURA SHIN

Bloomberg's teen pregnancy campaign is crying shame

A controversial anti-teen-pregnancy campaign from the Bloomberg administration has been met with criticism from advocacy organizations that claim the ads are stigmatizing, hurtful and are reinforcing negative stereotypes.

The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health condemned the campaign for its lack of "medically accurate, culturally appropriate or socially relevant information," and Haydee Morales, the vice president of education and training at Planned Parenthood of New York City, implied the campaign was a misuse of city money, and intended only for "shock value."

NLIRH executive direc-

tor Jessica González-Rojas emphasized the need for increased access to contraception, asserting that structural barriers — from immigration status and language to poverty and discrimination — keep many young Latinas from obtaining contraception, and are thus the causes of higher rates of unintended teen pregnancy.

Morales also criticized the administration for "blaming young people for the outcomes of poverty, violence, limited access to health care and unequal educational opportunities, as well as gender, racial and ethnic inequalities."

"Young people and their families need medically accurate, culturally appropriate and socially



Quoted

"The city's money would be better spent helping teens access health care, birth control and high-quality sexual education."

HAYDEE MORALES INSISTED

87%

Of teen pregnancies in New York are unintended, according to the mayor's office. There are more than 20,000 teen pregnancies in NYC each year.

relevant information to make healthy and informed decisions ... and they need increased access to contraception," González-Rojas insisted.

González-Rojas also criticized the text-messaging component of the campaign, which reportedly generates responses like "My BFF called me a 'fat loser' at prom" and "First my parents diss me,

now my BFF. She has stopped calling me."

She also scolded the administration for "painting teen parents as failures."

Samantha Levine at the mayor's office said, "This campaign is part of the city's comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention program, which includes sex education, increased access to birth control and partnerships with community-based organizations." As of September 2011, comprehensive sex education — as opposed to abstinence-only — is mandated in city public schools, a move that is part of the Young Men's Initiative. The city also launched the CUNY Fatherhood Academy through the Young Men's Initiative.

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\$54M reasons to love Arts Week in NYC

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► The Armory Show is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The city kicked off New York Arts Week yesterday, which features contemporary and modern art shows throughout the boroughs from March 6 to 10. More than 66,000 people are expected to attend, bringing at least \$54 million in economic activity, the city said.

The Armory Show celebrates 100 years since its legendary namesake show of 1913 and will showcase 214 international exhibitors on Piers 94 and

92. Also on view is the 25th annual Art Show at the Park Avenue Armory. Curated by the Art Dealers Association of America, the show features primarily New York City art dealers. The Fountain Art Fair will take place at the original location of the Armory Show. It will showcase independent galleries and artists from March 8 to 10.

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Other events

Other activities include:

- Solo art shows at Volta NY in SoHo
- Various art exhibitions at Pool, Art Now, Scope New York and Theorize

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► Each day of Arts Week also features events in New York City art enclaves, such as the Bronx on March 7, Long Island City on March 8, Brooklyn on March 9, and the Lower East Side on March 10.

In the news

Defense rests in 'Cannibal Cop' case

The former cop who is on trial for allegedly plotting to kidnap and eat women was in tears on Tuesday after the defense rested its case after only day. Gilberto Valle refused to testify in his own defense, The New York Times reported. Prosecutors presented to jurors last week a series of Internet chats, e-mails and graphic images pulled from Valle's computer revealing his plans to kidnap women, torture them and eat them. The women included his own estranged wife, Kathleen Mangan Valle,



Valle

and old college friends. The defense attorneys have stated that there is not enough evidence that Valle intended to carry out these plans and that he was merely fantasizing. They presented on Tuesday a videotaped testimony from an operator of one of the sites Valle used. Sergey Merenkov explained that he created the site for people with all types of fetishes, and thousands of users visit the site each week. Closing arguments are scheduled to begin today.

● LAURA SHIN

Students, advocates rally to stop cuts to after-school programs

A council member painted a scene of screaming parents on the first day of school in September if the city cuts funding from after-school programs.

At a City Council meeting yesterday, members discussed after-school programs for youth, which are in danger of being slashed under Mayor Michael Bloomberg's proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Advocates estimate that 37,000 kids would lose their after-school slots.

Councilman Lewis Fidler warned that parents would be irate to learn on the first day of school that their children's after-school plans were slashed.

"The screaming, the yelling, the upset would have dwarfed almost everything we have heard," he said at the hearing. "Let's not go down that road."

Bloomberg spokesman Marc LaVorgna said the mayor wants to keep as many after-school programs as possible.

"Can we afford to pay for as much as we would like? No, but we will be working with the council



► Robert Ortiz was one of the students that protested the potential cuts to after-school programs.

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Advocates estimate 37,000 city-funded slots for kids are on the chopping block.

to ensure we keep the budget balanced while providing as much of the services needed as possible," he said.

Children flanked the

City Hall steps before the hearing to rally for their programs.

Programs like leadership seminars, chess clubs or simply a safe spot for kids to stay until their parents get home are at risk, according to the Campaign for Children, a coalition of child care and after-school programs.

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News in brief

Catsimatidis runs first ad of 2013 election

Republican mayoral hopeful John Catsimatidis released the first 30-second radio ad of the 2013 mayoral campaign this week to tepid reviews, with The New York Times describing it as "a scrappy, somewhat corny ... stilted exchange." A recent Quinnipiac poll found that 86 percent of all voters haven't heard enough about Catsimatidis to form an opinion.

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New York Assembly votes to block fracking until 2015

The New York State Assembly passed legislation yesterday that extends the moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the state until May 2015 and requires further studies on the environmental impact of the practice known as fracking. A moratorium on fracking has been in place in the Empire State since 2008 because of concerns that the practice can contaminate water supplies.

"We will not sit idly by and endanger the health and safety of our communities by rushing necessary health and safety reviews," Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said before the vote.



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The New York State Assembly passed the legislation by an unofficial tally of 95 to 40.

The legislation passed by the assembly must still be approved by the state Senate. After it passes, the Senate will send the legislation to Gov. Andrew Cuomo for final approval.

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Election bump over, Obama approval drops to 43 percent

WASHINGTON. Less than two months into his second term, President Barack Obama's approval rating has dropped and Americans blame him and his fellow Democrats almost as much as his Republican opponents for a fiscal mess.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll showed 43 percent of people approve of Obama's handling of his job, down 7 percentage points from Feb. 19.

Most of that steep drop came in the week of Feb. 26 when it was becoming clear that Washington was going to be unable to put aside partisan differences and agree to halt automatic budget cuts which started last Friday.

Confounding the White House's efforts to blame Republicans for the cuts, most respondents in the survey hold both parties responsible. **REUTERS**

Washington shuts down ahead of fierce snowstorm

WASHINGTON. The U.S. government shut down yesterday ahead of a fierce snowstorm packing heavy, wet snow that had blanketed the Midwest, leaving thousands without power and forcing hundreds of flights to be canceled.

Washington could get slammed by its biggest snowfall in as much as two years, with 6 inches to 12 inches expected after the storm moved eastward into the mid-Atlantic states, the National Weather Service said. **REUTERS**

US House approves bill to fund government through September

The House of Representatives yesterday passed legislation to keep federal funds flowing to government agencies through Sept. 30, seeking to avert shutdowns that otherwise would begin on March 27 when current funding expires.

The House bill was passed by 267 votes to 151. It gives President Barack Obama's administration flexibility in how it will achieve savings in defense and veterans' programs that are required as part of the \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts that began on Friday.

The vote came as President Barack Obama prepared to meet with several Republican senators for dinner yesterday as part of his effort to revive talks to tackle the nation's long-term deficit, the White House said.

The Democratic president is trying to cobble together what he calls a



► Obama is scheduled to travel to Capitol Hill next week, when he will address Senate Republicans at a lunch on March 14.

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'Continuing resolution' heads to Senate

Last Friday marked the start of \$85 billion in across-the-board budget cuts that are to be carried out by Sept. 30. It was not clear whether Obama, in his new contacts with Republican senators, was still trying to negotiate a substitute for those cuts.

Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the "continuing resolution" to keep the government operating through the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

That measure is expected to give broader flexibility on achieving the automatic spending cuts than yesterday's House-passed bill. **REUTERS**

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At the heart of the fiscal crisis is disagreement over how to rein in the \$16.7 trillion debt.

"common sense caucus" among lawmakers to help resolve U.S. budget woes and push his legislative agenda.

A source, who asked

not to be identified, said Obama also plans to meet with House of Representatives Democrats next week, although the date has not yet been set.

In recent days, Obama has searched for common ground with senators who in the past have indicated a willingness to compromise on budget issues. The White House has suggested talks could center around a deal that includes new tax revenues. **REUTERS**



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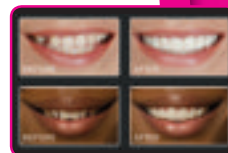
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Mourners parade Chavez's coffin

Weeping and shouting, a sea of Hugo Chavez's supporters paraded his coffin through the streets of Caracas yesterday in an emotional outpouring that could help his deputy win an election and keep his self-styled socialist revolution alive.

Hundreds of thousands of "Chavistas" marched behind a hearse carrying the remains of the flamboyant and outspoken president, draped in Venezuela's blue, red and yellow national flag.

Avenues resounded with chants of "Chavez lives! The fight goes on!" as supporters showered flowers onto the coffin and jostled to touch it. Loudspeakers played recordings of the charismatic socialist giving speeches and singing.

Some supporters held heart-shaped placards that read: "I love Chavez!" Others cheered from rooftops, waving T-shirts.

Ending one of Latin America's most remark-



► Supporters of the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez cry in front of the Military Hospital, where he had been hospitalized.

"He's gone physically, but he left a seed that we, the youth, reap today to not abandon the revolutionary struggle anymore."

EXPLAINED AN ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG WOMAN

able populist rules, Chavez died on Tuesday at age 58 after a two-year battle with cancer that was first detected in his pelvis.

His body was to be taken to a military academy later on Wednesday to lie in state until his state funeral on Friday.

The future of Chavez's socialist policies, which won him the adoration of poor Venezuelans but infu-

riated opponents who denounced him as a dictator, now rests on the shoulders of Vice President Nicolas Maduro, the man he tapped to succeed him. "We ask our people to channel this pain into peace," Maduro said.

Maduro, a 50-year-old former bus driver and union leader, will probably face Henrique Capriles, the centrist op-

position governor of Miranda state, in an election now due within weeks in the OPEC nation with the world's largest oil reserves.

One recent opinion poll gave Maduro a strong lead over Capriles, in part because he has received Chavez's blessing as his heir apparent, and he is likely to benefit from the surge of emotion following the president's death.

Authorities said the vote would be called within 30 days, as stipulated by the constitution, but did not specify the date.

The tall, mustachioed Maduro has long been a close ally of Chavez. He pledges to continue his legacy and is unlikely to make major policy changes soon. He will now focus on marshalling support from Chavez's diverse coalition, which includes leftist ideologues, business leaders and radical armed groups called "colectivos."

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Reactions

How do you feel after the Chavez death?

Karla Mesas, 27, graphic designer, Caracas



"I didn't support him or his ideology, but, like with any human being that

dies, the news is shocking. Like with any person there's a time for mourning, but people don't cry for anyone. I won't cry for him even though I understand the suffering. He did a lot of harm, too, and he had to pay for it, which he did with his illness."

Miguel Matos, 43, constructor, Caracas



"I'm very sad and hurt because we've lost a ray of hope in Latin America and the world. We already miss him. I can't tell you anymore because I can't think. I'm too sad." ● MWN

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News in brief

Vatican warns cardinals not to talk to media

Vatican officials yesterday told cardinals gathered for the election of the next pope to stop speaking to the media, as further indications emerged that a conclave would not start early next week as had been expected.

American cardinals who had been scheduled to hold their third media briefing in as many days

canceled it less than an hour before it was to have started at Rome's North American College, where they are residing. A spokeswoman for the American cardinals said "concern" was expressed at yesterday's closed-door meeting "about leaks of confidential proceedings reported in Italian newspapers." **REUTERS**



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News in brief

Court: Google not liable for search results

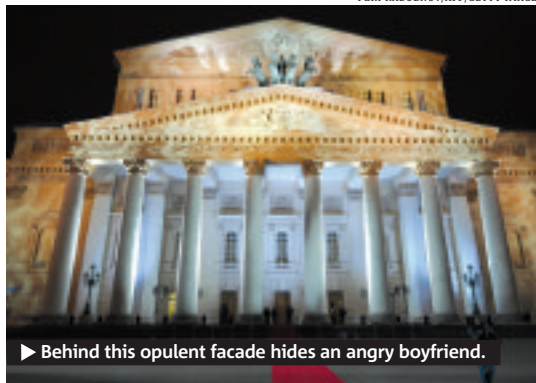
A woman trying to protect her "wholesome" image failed to persuade a federal appeals court to hold Google Inc., liable because searches for her name could lead people to advertisements for drugs to treat sexual dysfunction. The 7th

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago said Beverly Stayart did not show that Google violated Wisconsin privacy laws by misusing her name to generate advertising revenue. Stayart claimed that a search for "bev stayart" on Google generates a recommended search for "bev stayart levitra," which can lead users to websites about for male erectile dysfunction. **REUTERS**

When life imitates art

► Bolshoi Ballet dancer who played villains admits to acid attack ► Was angry that hurt director passed up lover for roles

YURI KADOBNOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



► Behind this opulent facade hides an angry boyfriend.

camera.

A source at the Bolshoi confirmed media reports that the outspoken dancer was angry that his partner, ballerina Anzhelina Vorontsova, had missed out on top roles, including the lead in "Swan Lake."

"Filin certainly squeezed out Vorontsova, but that is not a reason to throw acid in someone's face," the source told Reuters on condition of anonymity. Moscow police said they believed the motive was personal hostility based on a work conflict.

Before flying to Germany for treatment last month to save his sight, Filin, 42, said he believed he knew who was behind the attack and that he thought it was connected with his work. He is recovering and is expected back at work this summer.

REUTERS

Quoted

"I organized this attack, but not to the extent that it happened."

DMITRICHENKO, SAYING HE DID NOT MEAN FOR THE ATTACK TO GO AS FAR AS IT DID

fessed in the video, made available by police to Reuters and other media. One said he had thrown the acid at Filin and the other that he had driven the getaway car.

Dmitrichenko, who is in his late 20s, said he had given the reasons for the attack in a written statement to police but did not say what they were on

A dancer at Russia's Bolshoi ballet, who made his name playing villains, has confessed to ordering the acid attack that nearly blinded the company's director, angry that his lover was being kept out of leading roles.

Pavel Dmitrichenko, who has danced the crazed monarch in "Ivan the Terrible" and the villain in "Swan Lake," was detained on Tuesday for a crime that shocked Russia and blackened the reputation of the world-famous theater.

Dmitrichenko was shown haggard and unkempt in a police video confessing to plotting the attack, in which a masked man threw a jar of sulphuric acid in the face of artistic director Sergei Filin late on Jan. 17.

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Report: Vietnam capital to reassign obese, rude cops



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► Traffic police must monitor the motorcycles that fill the Hanoi streets at all hours of the day, which often causes tempers to flare.

Pot-bellied, short or abusive traffic policemen will be barred from working on the streets of Vietnam's capital and assigned desk jobs instead as Hanoi police try to clean up their unsavory image, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The city's traffic police are following the worst offenders closely and compiling lists of those to be reassigned. All police on traffic duty will be made to carry a book on the code of conduct to remind them how to behave, the Vanguard newspaper said. "Little officers or those with too big a belly will be moved to work in offices instead of guiding traffic and settling violations,"

Shape up or ship out

Crackdowns on overweight policemen have taken place in Thailand, Pakistan,

Britain, Indonesia and the Philippines in recent years. Several of those countries ordered officers to get fit and lose weight before they could return to work.

Colonel Dao Vinh Thang, head of the Hanoi Traffic Police Department, was quoted by Tien Phong as saying.

He said five teams of inspectors had been sent to monitor the behavior of police on the street. Thang could not be reached for additional comment.

Tempers often flare in the city of 7 million famous for constant streams

of motorcycles and sometimes haphazard driving. Complaints have mounted about the conduct of traffic police, including allegations of corruption and abusive behavior.

The latest initiative follows the deployment in January of female traffic police, all part of a campaign to improve the image of the security forces.

REUTERS

EU fines Microsoft \$731 million for broken promise, warns others

The European Union fined Microsoft Corp \$731 million yesterday for failing to offer users a choice of Web browser, an unprecedented sanction that will act as a warning to other firms involved in EU antitrust disputes.

The EU said the U.S. software company had broken a legally binding commitment made in 2009 to ensure that consumers had a choice of how they access the Internet, rather than defaulting to Microsoft's Explorer browser.

An investigation found that Microsoft had failed to



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Users were not given a Web browser choice

honor that obligation in software issued between May 2011 and July 2012, meaning 15 million users were not given a choice.

It is the first time the European Commission, the EU's antitrust authority, has handed down a fine to a company for failing to meet its obligations.

While the sanction is sizeable, representing more than 11 percent of Microsoft's expected net profit this quarter and 1 percent of annual sales, the commission could have charged the company up to 10 percent of annual global revenue. REUTERS

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More details on January Jones and Liam Hemsworth

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► Is Liam Hemsworth, inset, just another challenge for January Jones?

Rumors have been swirling around **Liam Hemsworth** (who is currently engaged to **Miley Cyrus**) and **January Jones** getting "hot and heavy" at a pre-Oscar party at the Chateau Marmont, and now *Life & Style* has more dirt on the hookup.

"They went to a private house party, and right in the middle of the party, January was clinging to Liam, saying, 'You're so handsome,'" a guest reveals in the new issue of *Life & Style*. "He kept saying, 'We can't do this here.' Then they left holding hands and went out in the hallway and were making out. She was wasted. It wasn't good."

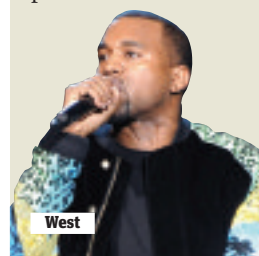
For its part, the magazine has pictures of the two stars riding in a car together on the night in question. "When it comes to men, January just goes for it," another source reportedly tells the magazine. "She doesn't seem to care if they're with someone or not. It's like a challenge for her, a game."

As challenges go, making out with Liam Hemsworth seems like an easy one. What about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro?

Meet 'Givenchy Kanye'

MTV has released its extensive "Hottest MCs" list, and **Kanye West** is not pleased to find himself sitting at the No. 7 spot. "I feel like for them to put me at No. 7, they had to bring up things they didn't like," he said during a call into New York's Hot 97 radio station. "What happens with these type of things and the people that review it, when I come in, I had like the pink polo and the backpack and I'm checking all the boxes of that **A Tribe Called Quest** era and all that, so they want to champion it. They don't like Givenchy Kanye. They don't like Kanye in a kilt. They don't like Kanye in a relationship."

Givenchy Kanye! Kilt Kanye! Boyfriend Kanye! I want all of these action figures, please.

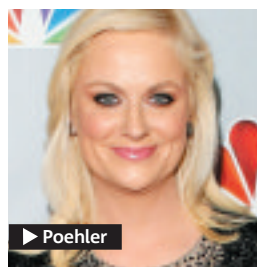


West

Talking points

Poehler responds to Swift

Taylor Swift is making some powerful enemies. In response to **Amy Poehler** and **Tina Fey**'s joke at Swift's expense during January's Golden Globes ceremony, Swift told Vanity Fair, "You know, **Katie Couric** is one of my favorite people. She said to me she had heard a quote that she



► Poehler

loved that said, 'There's a special place in hell for women who don't help other women.'" Poehler's response? "Aw, I feel bad if she was upset," she tells *The Hollywood Reporter*. "I

am a feminist, and she is a young and talented girl. That being said, I do agree I am going to hell. But for other reasons. Mostly tax stuff."

Is Middleton having a princess?

Did **Kate Middleton** accidentally let the cat out of the bag when it comes to whether she and **Prince William** are having a boy or a girl? During a public appearance this week,

Middleton was given a teddy bear as a gift and said, "Thank you, I'll take that for my d..." before cutting herself off, according to the *Telegraph*. Attendee **Sandra Cook**, who was standing beside Middleton, asked her, "You were going to say daughter, weren't you?" to which Middleton reportedly replied, "No, I don't know."

Franco discusses his sexuality

James Franco says he's at least partially responsible

for speculation about whether he's gay or straight. "One of the things that's very much part of my public image is the question of my sexuality," he tells *Attitude* magazine. "I get asked about it from all sides. It's partly my doing and partly not my doing." But what he's really interested in is a big actor coming out. "I think that the people I have known who haven't publicly come out didn't because they're afraid it'll hurt their careers," he says.

The feed ...

► *Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.*

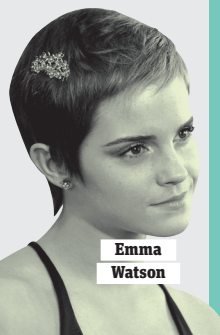
Today, Justin Bieber is in a better mood than he was a few days ago, Solange Knowles isn't getting enough sleep, Steve Martin is ready for a career change and Emma Watson has simple desires.

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Strahan and Philbin: BFFs?

1. Michael Strahan got all up in his predecessor's — **Regis Philbin's** — business at the 2013 Fox Sports Media Group Upfront after-party Tuesday in NYC.

2. Leonardo DiCaprio arrived at Gimpo International Airport in Seoul, South Korea, yesterday.

3. Singer Cody Simpson met fans and signed shoes at the Schuh store yesterday in London.

4. Garbage is still around? **Shirley Manson** dropped it like it was hot onstage in Sydney yesterday.

5. Vince Vaughn laughed it up with a pal at the Los Angeles Kings Game Tuesday in L.A.

6. Abigail Breslin was all grown up at the premiere of "The Call" in Hollywood on Tuesday.

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MINISERIES. Anyone who's a big advocate for rhino rights will devour this three-part miniseries about U.S. special forces aiming to combat poaching in South Africa. It's a noble effort, as the rhinoceros has been an endangered species for years. But seeing as this show revolves around former Navy SEALs sporting camouflage while

doing target practice in the wilderness, it makes us wonder how long it'll be before the night vision comes out, "Zero Dark Thirty"-style. **Miniseries premiere, 9 p.m., Animal Planet**

'American Idol'

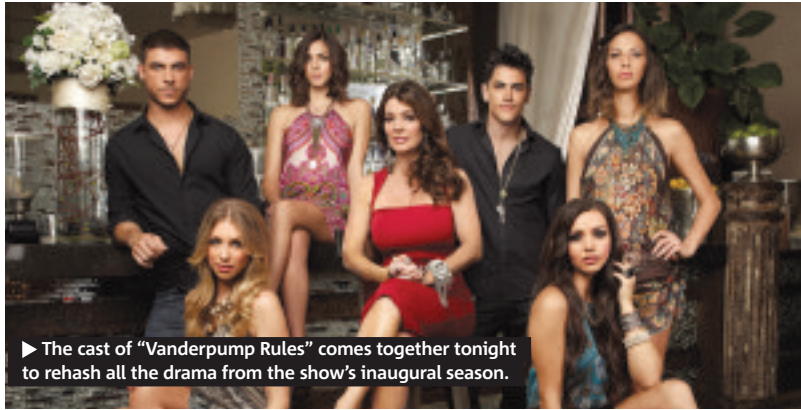
REALITY. At last, the finalists are revealed — which means only a gazillion weeks left to go. Now here are the theme nights we'd like to see: dubstep, choral music, freestyles and Devo tributes. C'mon, you guys, we have to challenge these people. **8 p.m., FOX**

'Vanderpump Rules'

REALITY. Andy Cohen hosts the obligatory reunion episode that comes near the close of any Bravo reality season. Next up for Lisa Vanderpump is "Dancing with the Stars," so we're going to venture a guess that this drama-filled episode will be only slightly more catty than the "Real Housewives" star's upcoming dance-off against Wynonna Judd and Dorothy Hamill. **10 p.m., Bravo**

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Mouse on Mars brings music from another planet

▶ **Avant-garde electronic band from Germany on crazy collaborations and two new albums**

Rockers don't know what this band is doing or how they're doing it; dancers often seem perplexed at a seeming lack of structure; DJs wouldn't dare venture into such dangerous territory — but somehow, despite all of the experimental endeavors of Mouse on Mars, they intrigue music lovers of all stripes.

This German avant-garde electronic band is an especially eclectic outfit that can't possibly be grouped into any specific category. Their discography ranges from ambient

Quoted

"We don't really think in track terms. ... Each track is really a story, or a drama, rather than a set of codes." ST. WERNER

chill-out to abstract bombastic sonic onslaughts — and most times the music is a combination of both.

"We don't really think in track terms," says founding member Jan St. Werner. "We think more in story terms. Each song has a narration and has its peaks and ups and downs and comes back together. Each track is really a story, or a drama, rather than a set of codes."

Deconstructing source material and rebuilding it piece by piece, Mouse on Mars juxtaposes obtuse oscillations with anxiety-



▶ Germany's Mouse on Mars thrives on creative tension.

filled clicks, clangs and hisses, provoking chaos just to tame it later and massage it into a blissful soundscape or straight-up dance beat.

Six years since their last recording, the band released two albums in 2012, each very different in style. "'Parastrophics' was basically a record five

years in the making," he says. "'WOW' was a record completely in the moment and a just a few weeks in production. In ways those records blend together. 'Parastrophics' is a riddle and a map, where 'WOW' was about a more immediate expression of a feeling. It assumes that everything that would

'Massive music monster'

Together with collaborator Andi Toma, Mouse on Mars have covered more sonic landscapes than most other electronic outfits.

"Sometimes I think we are so different that I don't understand at all what he is about," says St. Werner. "You realize that this is really dangerous. ... When we sew these qualities together and see this massive music monster appear, we feel like we're fighting it. I need to go and fight it, and I know that only Andi and I can do it."

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► James Franco and Mila Kunis dash through a trippy alternate dimension in "Oz the Great and Powerful."

1 'Oz the Great and Powerful'

In order to avoid a repeat of 1985's "Return to Oz," which terrified kids (or at least parents) into dismal returns, Disney has hired the guy

who made three "Evil Dead" movies. Sam Raimi directs this well-behaving prequel starring everyone's idea of an old-timey actor: mumbling stoner James Franco.

2 'Dead Man Down' Noomi Rapace and her "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" director, Niels Arden Oplev, reunite in America for this revenge saga with Colin Farrell and (why not?) Isabelle Huppert.

3 'The ABCs of Death' Horror anthologies are hot again (see also: "V/H/S"), and this shorts package boasts 26 of them, from directors all over the world (including "House of the Devil"'s Ti West). For the record, that's not a record: "Lumiere and Company" boasts 41 shorts.

4 'Beyond the Hills' Romanian filmmaker Cristian Mungiu follows up the abortion-themed "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" with this less topical — though still plenty harrowing — look at a real-life tragedy that occurred at a remote convent.

5 'The We & the I' The result of a four-year project with kids from a Bronx after-school arts program, the latest from Michel Gondry hangs on a city bus with rowdy but lovable high schoolers.

6 'Emperor' Hot off the Oscar he almost won, Tommy Lee Jones plays General MacArthur in this docudrama about the decision over whether to try Emperor Hirohito for war crimes at the end of WWII.

7 'Don't Stop Believin': An Everyman's Journey' This epic doc trails Arnel Pineda,

a Filipino everyman plucked from YouTube to become the new frontman of Journey.

8 'The Silence' Not to be confused with Ingmar Bergman's 1963 study of alienation (as we're sure all of you are doing), this German thriller plays like a brooding "Cold Case" as people try to solve the rape

and murder of a 13-year-old that happened 23 years prior.

9 'Jack the Giant Slayer' No one is really seeing this \$200 million behemoth about behemoths, meaning that, as with last year's "Jack Carter," we have the unenviable task of informing you a not exactly good movie isn't

that bad and deserves better.

10 '21 & Over' The directorial debut of the guys who wrote "The Hangover" is a sensitive and insightful look at young adulthood. Just kidding, it's almost exactly "The Hangover" but with early twentysomethings.

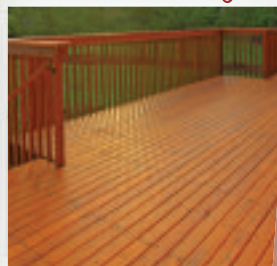
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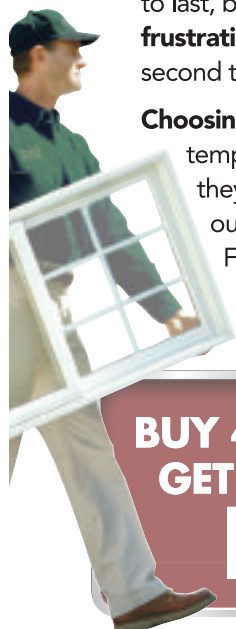
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Will hiring an e-dating consultant find you love?

Online dating is a reality of the love game, whether you're just looking around or on a serious quest for a lifelong partner. Sites like OkCupid, Match.com and eHarmony try to make finding someone simple, but they can be disappointing and frustrating. Now, one solution to the e-dating conundrum is gaining traction: consultants. These pros help clients strategize and punch up their profiles to stand out in the competitive world of digitalized courtship.

"Most people are not very good at online dating," says Evan Marc Katz, dating coach and founder of the e-dating consulting service eCyano. "It's like the gym. You don't lose

weight by signing up for the gym. That's why people hire personal trainers — to show them how to use the equipment."

eCyano rewrites clients' profiles based on a lengthy questionnaire and detailed phone call. Katz, who dated online for 10 years before meeting his wife offline at a party, says his team of freelance writers promise profiles that are more authentic than what most users write for themselves. He contends that the majority of on-line-dating fumbles involve unrealistic expectations: "Online dating gives people the illusion of choice, not actual choice."

Then, of course, there



► When your online profile is striking out, there are professionals you can call.

are the photos. Companies like New York Image Consultant offer services like a Re-Imaging package, which includes hairstyling and makeup for photos in a range of outfits and poses, plus Photoshopping, for \$1,500. Consultant Amanda Sanders puts it bluntly: "The reality is, they choose your picture over someone else's because it captures their eye. The text isn't as important as the visual aspect." Sanders works with clients who travel to New York for her firm's services. Like Katz, Sanders asserts that her business vastly improves a client's chances. As always, though, the face to face date is up to you.

Not a sure thing

Dan Slater, author of "Love in the Time of Algorithms: What Technology Does to Meeting and Mating" is skeptical about some consultants' claims.

► Though he lauds dating sites for helping people find happiness, Slater believes the business of on-line dating can be predatory: "The difference between happiness and unhappiness is rarely a consultant."

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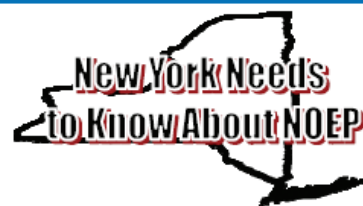
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WELCOME TO HER WORLD

► Alexa Chung on her new Fuse music show, her dream fashion collaboration and her surprising style crush: Wednesday Addams

► 'When it comes to getting dressed myself, I delve into film characters,' the trendsetter tells us

We have to apologize to Alexa Chung at the start of our phone interview for how terrible our cold-inflicted voice sounds. "That's my voice every day," says the 29-year-old in her signature rasp. "Welcome to my world."

It's this kind of quick wit (a mix of sarcasm and self-deprecation) that's helped the British beauty (originally discovered as a model at age 16) land television hosting gigs — most famously her big U.S. break: MTV's "It's On with Alexa Chung." The music talk show was intended to make Chung a star, but was canceled after just six months.

After trying her hand at the fashion reality show "24 Hour Catwalk," followed by a gig at MTV UK's "Gonzo," Chung is back in the U.S. — and working in music. Only

now she's one of four anchors on "Fuse News," a new daily show on cable network Fuse devoted to all things music.

So what's different this time around?

"I don't think I've learned any massive lessons other than one hour of just me is too much me," says Chung. "So this is better because it's four anchors. I'm not carrying [a show] on my own."

Less pressure means Chung is busy "dabbling in everything" — from writing a book (set to hit shelves in September) to, of course, fashion ("that's very much where my interest lies"). Though she alludes to her own fashion line being in the works — the demand for her Madewell collection crashed the retailer's site — she's tight-lipped about the specifics right now. She does, however, reveal her dream project:

like wearing cropped sweaters and high-waisted skirts."

What eyeliner do you use? It always looks perfect.

"I use Eyeko's liquid eyeliner. They do this really

to resurrect designer Luella Bartley's line. "I think she's brilliant. I'd love to work with her, but I don't know if she does it anymore," says Chung in an "oh well, it's whatever" kind of way.

She gushes over the new school of British designers, including Erdem. But whose personal style does the fashion "it" girl admire? She, after all, won Style Icon at the British Fashion Awards three years in a row, had a handbag named after her by Mulberry and is on countless best-dressed lists.

"Wednesday Addams," deadpans Chung. "George Harrison from the '60s. I don't look to modern-day people. I love Diane Kruger's style and I love Kate Moss and all those, but when it comes to getting dressed myself, I delve into film characters."

Lately, expect her sartorial

choices to be more "Devil Wears Prada" than her usual "Oliver Twist."

"It's interesting to work out what looks good on [the "Fuse News" set] and in that environment. Everything I wear on [the] set is things I'm wearing in real life. It's not a costume. Day-to-day now I think [my outfits] are going to be a bit smarter," says Chung. "I'm going to turn 30 in November, so dressing like a schoolgirl suddenly looks a bit odd."

But before you worry the fashion darling with the quirky, irreverent shtick has gone all adult, Chung adds: "It's not like my personality has changed. I'll still be highly sarcastic."

To wit: When asked about her perfect cat-eye eyeliner, she responds, "The secret is my eyes are shaped in a half-Asian way."

Tune in

► Fuse News airs weeknights at 8 on Fuse.

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Q&A

More with Chung

What's your guilty music pleasure?

"My guilty pleasures are usually modern music because I really like past stuff,

eras gone by, '60s stuff. So if I like "Diamonds" by Rihanna, that's more of a guilty pleasure than if I were to admit liking ABBA."

What styles are you currently into?

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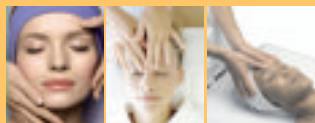
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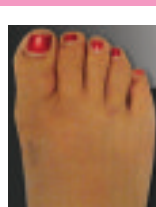
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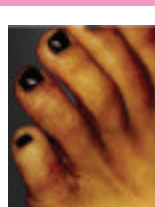
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Three takes on plaid

Plaid is not exactly a print associated with Yves Saint Laurent, but that's exactly what Hedi Slimane showed on Monday night in his second womenswear collection for the house now known simply as Saint Laurent Paris. His was the '90s, grunge variety (think Courtney Love-style flannels), which was even more unexpected, sparking lots of "Yves must be rolling over in his grave" kinds of captions on Instagram. Meanwhile, Stella McCartney took a more professional and polished route using the checks on oversized, tailored day coats. And Phoebe Philo took her plaid to Chinatown for Celine, referencing those \$2 plastic cash-and-carry bags in a series of coats that we can all assume will cost a whole lot more than \$2. That said, the big takeaway here is that plaid is not go-



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ing anywhere as a trend anytime soon. Consider it to be the new leopard print, which never goes out of

style. So feel free to keep that tartan at the front of your closet a few seasons longer. KENYA HUNT

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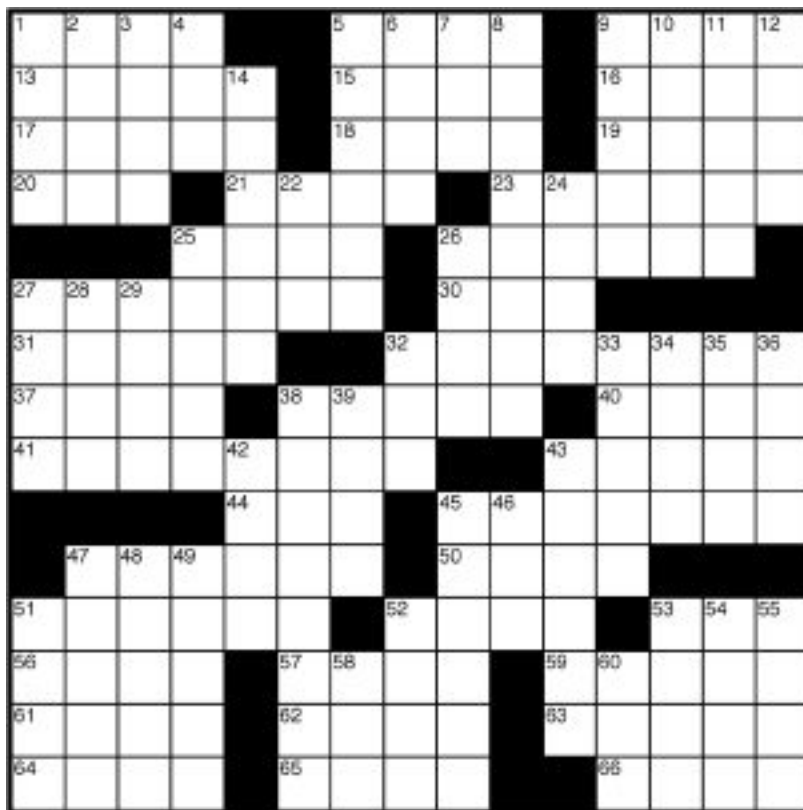
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Horoscope

♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Because you're likely to be a visionary with a purpose, your probabilities for success are excellent. When you are motivated in such a way, anything is possible.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although you'll derive much satisfaction from achieving an impressive accomplishment, striving for it will give you the most pleasure. The fun is in the chase.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Those with whom you hang out, including your family, will have a powerful effect on your attitude. If they're doers, you're apt to be a success too.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even if most of your efforts are

spent doing things for others, when it comes time to divvy up the results, you'll share in what they gained.

♊ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you have to make a presentation, try to isolate the key players, because you'll do much better and be far more dynamic working on a close, personal basis.

♊ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't be reluctant to be of assistance to an associate if it's needed. You could be surprised by how much your actions help your situation as well.

♊ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Consideration and diplomacy won't dilute your strengths — they will enhance them. Persons with whom you're involved will recognize and admire your clout.

♊ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Engag-

ing in do-it-yourself household projects could turn out to be more fun than drudge-work. Now's the time to fix everything that in need of some mending.

♊ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Occasionally, it can be therapeutic to break away from everyday routines and change the game plan. If possible, seek out involvements that are fun and relaxing.

♊ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Substantial achievements are possible when you devote your energies to matters that could enhance your material well-being. Go for the gold today.

♊ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Adhere to any strong notions that direct you to take action on a specific issue. Tackling a quantity of jobs is not neces-

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Letters

Common sense should win this argument

RE: "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE IN COMPARING ANIMALS VS. HUMANS" (METRO, MARCH 5) I hate to tell you this, letter writer Feng Xia, but bringing up Nazis doesn't automatically win you an argument. A cat is not a "race." It is a species. Do animals deserve safety and respect? Yes. In individual scenarios or in family units, are we to put pets before people? That's insane. Any reasonable human being would say that given the option to save a pet from a house fire or a person, one would save the person. Similarly, I think most reasonable human beings can agree that shooting a dog is cruel and unnecessary. (It should be noted that Mindy McCready, having subsequently committed suicide, was likely not in a reasonable state of mind.) So what exactly are people arguing for or against? It's just gotten silly and out of proportion. **ROXANNE MICHAUD, VIA E-MAIL**

RE: "IT'S A FOOD CHAIN, NOT A FOOD CO-OP" (METRO, MARCH 6) I would love to hear how King concludes we are the "most evolved" animal. It's news to me that we are better

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than dogs at smelling, better than elephants at carrying things, better than tuna at swimming or have gone through more evolutionary steps than bacteria.

I would also love to hear about Parn's exciting new evidence that a person's animal empathy is inversely correlated with human empathy, or for that matter how her household has a "national" product — though it seems working animals from dogs to bees contribute hugely to the income of our actual nation. These "facts" must be fascinating, unless their assertions are actually just the unfounded hyperbole they sound like.

CHARLES BOSSE, VIA E-MAIL

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Underground New York: Step down into these haunts

► Whether you want coffee, comedy or a cool date spot, try these low-down gems
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Think the best places New York has to offer are up top? Think again — many city restaurants are transforming underground, shadowy locations in basement- or lower-level floors into cozy, intimate atmospheres. Instead of walking downstairs into a building's underbelly, these spots offer an underground sense of a hidden secret. And winter is the best time to visit: When icy winds are howling, step down into these warm, cozy spots.



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Our picks

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A red door opens to a long set of stairs that leads you to this sprawling lair. The wine-colored, velvet-clad space screams romance, with a theme of getting low — tables and chairs are closer to the floor than normal, creating intimacy. Jonathan Moor introduced this spot in January, and some of his BONDST staples are on the Japanese and French fusion menu, like the tuna tart. Other items to order? The lobster tacos are the perfect mix of light crunch and succulent seafood, and the seabass has a sweet, crunchy miso glaze.



► Cherry

beans are sold around the city in other cafes, is a favorite for neighborhood locals, as well as celebrities like Rufus Wainwright. The lighting is dark, but the eavesdropping is worth it — artsy types seem to use it as a brainstorming hub.

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Todd Mitgang satisfies his craving

Hot Chef

A horrific crane accident in 2008 shut down Todd Mitgang's Crave Ceviche Bar in midtown, but the chef rebounded with Crave Fishbar, a nautical-themed eatery (down to the portholes) that recently started serving lunch. Mitgang presents some delightfully satisfying interpretations of fish on the menu in dishes like fluke tostadas and tuna confit sandwiches — but land-lovers need not fear dropping by for a burger or salad. We asked the chef how he rethought his restaurant after the unthinkable occurred.

It's been almost five years since the crane accident.

Yeah, that was wild. We were there — I had a couple of guys in the kitchen, I was across the street. [It



► Jersey Tomato Soup with Fried Belly Clams is on Mitgang's lunch menu at Crave Fishbar (945 Second Ave., 646-895-9585).

Q&A

Can you give us some tips on buying fish?

I think that first and foremost it's about relationships. I've been working with my same fish vendor since I started my ca-

reer. There's trust. Go into your neighborhood fish market. I would prefer to buy fish from a fish market or from a fish counter — there's somebody working there, it's not just prepackaged fish — and talk to these people. They have more insight into what is fresh.

was] just a wild day. Thankfully we didn't lose any of our staff, but there were lives lost. ... It could have been so much worse for us. Sure, we lost our business for a little while — but hey, we're here with a new one.

And you recently started a lunch service. What is the most surprising item on

the lunch menu?

I'm not surprised by any of it because it's very much my style. [Laughs] But I think for somebody who comes in here for the first time they'd probably be surprised to see something like the ramen that we're running. For dinner we serve it with a piece of glazed fish, but because lunch is different and we want to be available to everybody and anybody in the neighborhood, we have a couple of meat options, and we give that option for glazed pork belly.

Ever get sick of fish?

No. [Laughs] That'd be silly. Then I should quit what I'm doing.

What fish are you loving these days?

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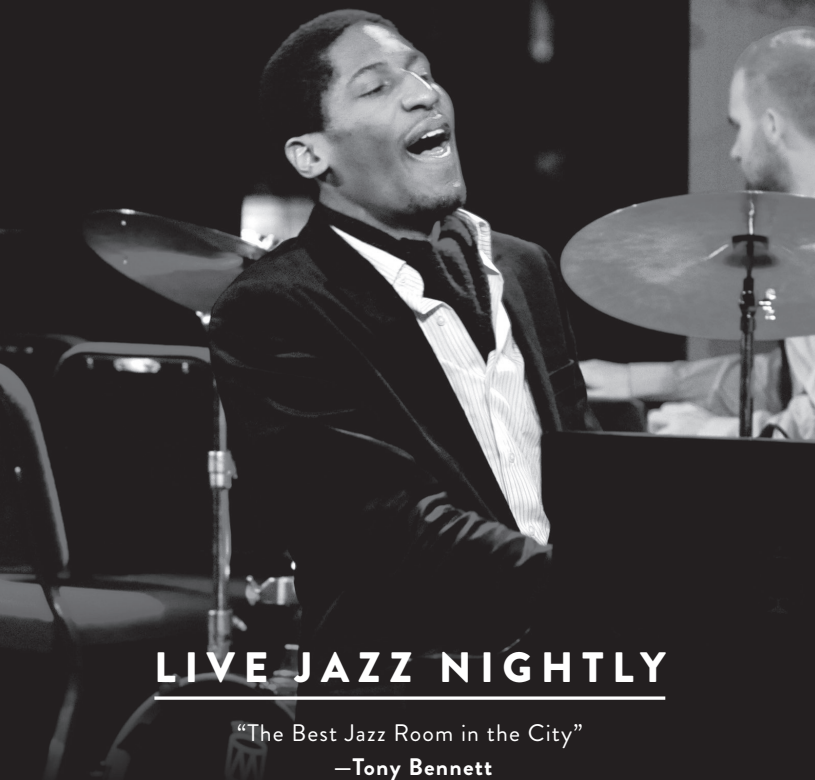
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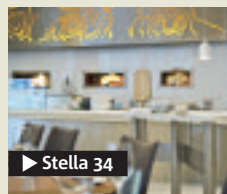
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Knicks stumble on winning formula

The Knicks may have stumbled onto something following Carmelo Anthony's knee injury.

While he remains day-to-day recovering from right-knee soreness — and is questionable tonight (8

p.m., TNT) against the Thunder — the Knicks might've gotten back to the offense that spurred them to an 18-5 start.

Amar'e Stoudemire led the way with 22 points in a season-high 32 minutes —



► Kevin Durant

despite a 30-minute cap.

"He needs to be in the game more at the end, [because] while it's a tough matchup for us guarding perimeter players, it's also to our advantage offensively going big," head coach

Mike Woodson said.

"If needed, I'm pretty sure I'll play however amount of minutes I need to play and do whatever role coach wants," said Stoudemire.

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Replacement options few

Mark Teixeira, who missed most of last September with a strained left calf, suffered trying to beat out a grounder in Baltimore.

But at least the Yankees had a veteran backup at that point. Nick Swisher filled in at first base down the stretch, but the Yankees let him sign with the Indians this offseason.

A possible in-house candidate is Kevin Youkilis. Youkilis was signed to a one-year deal to fill the void left by Alex Rodriguez's hip injury, but played more than 100 games at first base in four seasons for the Red Sox. Dan Johnson, a veteran invitee, and Juan Rivera, primarily an outfielder, are also options.

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OFF THE MARK

► Teixeira latest Yankee to be bitten by injury bug ► Wrist strain shelves him until May

In less than 24 hours, Mark Teixeira went from having what was believed to be a minor injury to being out eight to 10 weeks with a strained right wrist.

"It's not what you want, but it's what you've got to deal with," manager Joe Girardi said.

On Tuesday, Teixeira strained his wrist taking some swings at the indoor cage while preparing for his appearance with Team USA at the World Baseball Classic. He flew back to be examined in New York yesterday. The official diagnosis is a strained ECU tendon.

Teixeira was going to be the starting first baseman at the World Baseball Classic, but now he won't be playing any first base until May.

"I'm obviously worried about it," general manager Brian Cashman told reporters Tuesday. "Wrists are very unpredictable. Even if you can get a positive diagnosis back — which, of course, we're going to hope for — that still doesn't mean we're out of the woods, because wrists are tricky. They're hard to get a handle on."

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► The Yankees were originally saying Teixeira would miss eight to 10 days, before he was checked out by doctors.

In the news



Rangers' Staal out indefinitely

Rangers defenseman Mark Staal is out indefinitely after taking a puck to his eye Tuesday night, but the good news is that the team said yesterday he should make a full recovery.

The Rangers did not provide specifics on the injury or speculate on a return.

213

The Top-9 Yankees home-run hitters had 213 home runs last season, with Curtis Granderson leading the way at 43.

165

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Eaton up

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► Miller, 22, started six games last season and struck out 16 in just 13 2/3 innings.

booed out of Philadelphia as a starting pitcher. This **Adam Eaton** is a super-athletic, 24-year-old speedster that has a chance to be this year's mini-version of Trout. In 130 minor league games last year, he hit .375 with seven homers and 44 steals. The Diamondbacks traded away **Justin Upton** knowing they'll be fine with Eaton batting leadoff and playing centerfield every day.

Miller time

It feels like Cardinals starter **Shelby Miller** has been on the prospect scene forever, but he's just 22 years old. And when he finally got his major-league call-up last year, all that seasoning in the minors showed. Miller appeared in just six games,

but posted a 1.32 ERA and struck out 16 batters in 13 2/3 innings thanks to a devastating curveball. With the Cardinals' starting rotation annually banged up, Miller is a great bet to throw at least 150 innings this year.

Wil the thrill

Everyone knows a Will, but how many people know a Wil? The Rays are desperate for a difference-maker offensively, so they'll be willing to live with **Wil Myers**'s high strikeout rate as soon as June. He was the most potent hitter in the minors last season, belting 37 homers and hitting .314 between Double-A and Triple-A. There's not a prospect around with more pop in his bat.

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Nate Robinson

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Tobias Harris

SF, Magic

Harris is proving to be more than a throw-in piece in the trade for J.J. Redick. Harris has the makings of a core piece for Orlando. He is averaging 17.8 points per game over the last six.

Humphries odd man out of Nets' rotation

Kris Humphries just can't seem to stay in a relationship with anyone. Now, it's the Nets' rotation.

Humphries will reportedly be the man bumped from the regular rotation after head coach P.J. Carlesimo



► Humphries

talked recently about shortening his bench heading into the stretch

run.

Carlesimo said he wanted to get rookie Mirza Teletovic more minutes, which meant someone in the frontcourt would see less time. The 6-foot-9 Teletovic is averaging just 3.5 points per game in limited minutes, but has a per-36 average of 15 points and 6.8 rebounds. ● METRO

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BHAGWATTIE AZIZ,

Index No. 21133/12
 Date Summons Filed: 01/11/2013

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the
 place of trial.
 The basis of venue is Plaintiff's residence.

Plaintiff,

SUMMONS

-against-

Plaintiff resides at 114-30 128 ST.,
 SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420.

LOUIS MARRERO,

Defendant.

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

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Dated: October 12, 2012

BHAGWATTIE AZIZ
 Plaintiff Pro Se
 114-30 128 ST., SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420
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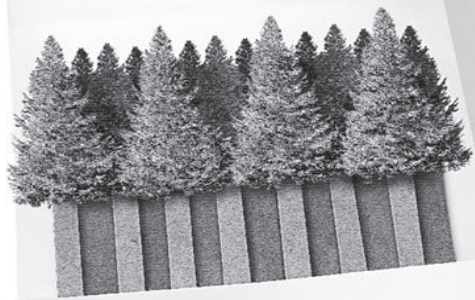
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